

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted with a notice of filing a continuing application in the parent case identified above. This amendment is filed in response to a final rejection received in the parent case dated May 8, 2000.

In the current amendment to the Claims, Claims 13, 27, 29 and 33 are amended. New claims 36 through 44 are presented. The amendment includes aspects of Applicants' invention to which Applicants' are thought to be entitled to protection. (For example, see Applicants' Specification page 33 through page 56.) These aspects are neither taught nor suggested by the prior art references cited in the parent application, either alone or in combination. It respectfully requested that this amendment be entered prior to examination on the merits in the continuing application. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this amendment, a telephone call to the number listed below is encouraged and welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

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